GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MODIFICATION IN CIVIL DEFENCE RESPONSIBILITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to change the character of civil defence by giving its volunteers the responsibility of tackling disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the time by when this change is likely to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): The Government have decided to involve the Civil Defence volunteers in disaster management in addition to their traditional roles. In this regard, Government have issued necessary instructions to the State Governments/UT-Administrations that the services of Civil Defence Volunteers can be utilized by the State Government in tackling the disaster crises also.

(c): & (d): A Committee under Member, National disaster Management Authority was set up to suggest measures to involve Civil Defence in disaster management.

The Report of the Committee was shared with the State Governments, who have agreed with the key recommendation of involving Civil Defence volunteers in disaster management.

(e): Based on the recommendations of the K.M. Singh Committee Report, a scheme for involving Civil Defence volunteers has been drawn up for implementation during the Eleventh Plan commencing implementation from 2008-09.